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Filed:      09/17/2003  
For:      METHOD OF PLAYING A SLOT MACHINE GAME .  
            ("DIRECTIONAL WILDS")

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**FIRST AMENDMENT**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Ms. Thomasson:

            This First Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 is a response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, ("Office Action") having a three-month shortened statutory period of response expiring upon November 24, 2006.

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            Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 4 of this paper.